

Tuesday, August 3, 1976

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3716-3723; S. Con. Res. 134; and S. Res. 502-504.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 13121, to prepare and publish the District of Columbia Code (S. Rept. 94-1059). Page 25256

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 134, authorizing corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 11481, authorizing funds through September 30, 1977, for Maritime Administration programs of the Department of Commerce. Page 25244

U.S. Olympic Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 503, honoring and commending members of the U.S. Olympic Team for their performance in Montreal.

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Tunisia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 504, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding U.S. relations with Tunisia on the occasion of the birthday of President Habib Bourguiba.

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Coal Leasing-Veto Override: Senate considered Presidential veto message on S. 391, proposed Federal Coal Leasing Amendments, and, by 76 yeas to 17 nays, two-thirds of the Senators present and voting having voted in the affirmative, on reconsideration, passed the bill, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Clean Air: Senate resumed consideration of S. 3219, proposed Clean Air Act Amendments of 1976, rejecting two amendments proposed thereto as follows:

(1) By 17 yeas to 74 nays, Scott of Virginia unprinted amendment No. 291 (to Moss unprinted amendment No. 290) to provide that during the period of the proposed study nothing in the Clean Air Act shall be construed to require the establishment of Federal standards more stringent than primary and secondary air quality standards; and

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(2) By 31 yeas to 63 nays, modified Moss unprinted amendment No. 290, deleting section 6 and directing National Commission on Air Quality to conduct a 1-year study of the overall effects of preventing significant deterioration of air quality.

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Tax Reform: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 10612, proposed Tax Reform Act of 1976, taking action

on amendments proposed to Title XX, Energy Related Provisions, as follows:

Adopted:

(1) Brooke amendment No. 2136, providing tax incentives for upgrading efficiency of heating systems by installation of a new burner unit and/or electronic igniters;

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(2) Brooke amendment No. 2137, extending the tax credit insulation of heating system parts;

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(3) Brooke amendment No. 1934, modifying committee provisions granting tax credit for heat pumps;

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(4) Abourezk amendment No. 2134, reducing from 12 percent to 10 percent the tax credit for coal pipeline equipment;

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(5) Modified Kennedy amendment No. 294, making changes in periods of effectiveness of the various provisions of section 2003, Investment Tax Credit Changes Relating to Energy Conservation and Production;

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(6) By 73 yeas to 2 nays, Committee amendment No. 30, embodying Title XX (with the exception of sections 2002 and 2006), as modified and amended;

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(7) Long unprinted amendment No. 297, making technical corrections in Kennedy amendment No. 294 (item 5); and

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(8) Hathaway unprinted amendment No. 298, making modifications to his unprinted amendment No. 279 (agreed to on Friday, July 30) making modification to Title VIII, dealing with vessel weight requirements under the capital construction fund.

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Rejected:

(1) Taft amendment No. 1902, to provide that annual tax rates and the standard deduction shall be adjusted for inflation (tabled by 68 yeas to 22 nays, carrying with it unprinted amendment No. 292);

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(2) By 17 yeas to 71 nays, Buckley amendment No. 2090, to impose a 4-cent-per-gallon tax on fuel used in transportation of cargo on inland waterways;

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(3) By 30 yeas to 57 nays, Leahy amendment No. 2036, denying deduction for certain expenses of automobiles not meeting average fuel economy standards;

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(4) Abourezk amendment No. 2135, to delete the 12 percent investment tax credit for coal processing equipment and shale oil conversion equipment (tabled by 66 yeas to 21 nays);

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(5) By 20 yeas to 64 nays, Haskell unprinted amendment No. 293, making 10 percent investment tax credit applicable to all provisions of Section 2003;

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(6) By 17 yeas to 59 nays, Kennedy unprinted amendment No. 295, reducing from 30 percent to 20 percent tax credit for expenses in insulating existing homes; and

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(7) By 24 yeas to 50 nays, Kennedy unprinted amendment No. 296, to delete section providing business deduction with regard to geothermal energy production.

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Maritime Program Authorizations: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 11481, authorizing funds through September 30, 1977, for Maritime Administration programs of the Department of Commerce, thus clearing the measure for action of the House.

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Bills Referred: Sundry House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

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Messages From the House: Four messages were received from the House today.

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Amendments Submitted for Printing:

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Measure Held at the Desk: S. Res. 502, disapproving deferral of budget authority for operating grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation was submitted, and by unanimous consent agreement ordered to be held at the desk.

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Presidential Messages: Senate received messages from the President as follows:

Transmitting the annual report of the Federal Council on Aging, together with two studies undertaken by the Council and its recommendations emanating from such studies—referred to Committee on Labor and Public Welfare; and

Transmitting proposed legislation to require reporting to the Secretary of Commerce of certain classes of payments made by U.S. businesses and their foreign subsidiaries and affiliates in relation to business with foreign governments—referred to Committee on Commerce.

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Presidential Veto Message: Senate received veto message from the President on S. 2447, to make it clear that Members of Congress, may not, for purposes of State income tax laws, be treated as residents of any State other than the State from which they were elected—ordered to be held at the desk and printed as S. Doc. 94-245.

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Committee Authority To Sit: Several committees were authorized to sit during sessions of the Senate on specified days this week and next.

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Confirmation: Senate confirmed the nomination of John W. Eden, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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Nominations: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard M. Bilby, of Arizona, to be United States circuit judge for the ninth circuit;

Frank J. Violanti, of Illinois, to be United States attorney for the district of the Canal Zone;

Two Air Force nominations in the rank of General; and

Numerous nominations in the Coast Guard.

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Record Votes: Eleven record votes were taken today (total—464).

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Adjournment: Senate met at 8:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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Committee Meetings

BANKING/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT

Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs: Committee continued hearings on the Treasury Department's program to enforce compliance with equal employment opportunity requirements by financial institutions which are Federal contractors, receiving testimony from Warren F. Brecht, Assistant Secretary (Administration), accompanied by David A. Sawyer, Director, and Inez Lee, Deputy Director, Office of Equal Opportunity Program, and the following Regional Directors: Joseph F. Leahy, New York City, Joseph F. Nash, Washington, D.C., George H. Fisher, Chicago, William G. Thomas, Los Angeles, Kenneth G. Patton, Houston, and Millard F. Rutherford, Atlanta, all of the Department of the Treasury; William E. Blevins, Sr., Detroit, accompanied by Barbara Mitchell, both representing the American Bankers Association; Carol Greenwald, Commissioner of Banks of Massachusetts, Boston; Kay Bergin, Deputy Commissioner of Banking of Connecticut, Hartford; Raul Rodriguez, Director, Department of Regulatory Agencies of Colorado, Denver, and Betty L. Steele, Chicago, representing the National Association of Bank Women.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AIR CARGO

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings on S. 3684, to broaden the power of the Civil Aeronautics Board to grant relief by exemption to authorize the conduct of "all-cargo" operations, after receiving testimony from John E. Robson, Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board; Frederick W. Smith, Federal Express Corporation, Memphis, Tennessee; Robert W. Prescott, The Flying Tiger Line, Inc., Los Angeles; Leo Seybold, Air Transport Association of America, Washington, D.C.; Louis P. Haffer, Air Freight Forwarder Association of America, Washington, D.C.; Edward J. Driscoll, The National Air Carrier Association, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Robert O.

Weston, Air Freight Motor Carriers Conference, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 13955, authorizing U.S. acceptance of certain fundamental changes in the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund, and consenting to approximately \$2 billion increase of its quota in such fund (amended);

An original resolution (S. Res. 504), expressing the sense of the Senate regarding U.S. relations with Tunisia on the occasion of the birthday of President Habib Bourguiba; and

The nominations of Stephen M. Low, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia; Ignacio E. Lozano, Jr., of California, to be Ambassador to El Salvador; and Nancy V. Rawls, of Georgia, to be the U.S. Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Prior to these actions, committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Messrs. Low and Lozano, where Senator Taft introduced Mr. Low, and the nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Government Operations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

H.R. 3884, to terminate certain authorities with respect to national emergencies still in effect; and to provide for the orderly implementation and termination of future national emergencies (amended);

S. 1437, to distinguish Federal grant and cooperative agreement relationships from Federal procurement relationships (with amendments); and

An original resolution requesting an additional \$46,700 for inquiries and investigations of the Subcommittee on Federal Spending Practices, Efficiency and Open Government.

Also, committee began consideration of S. 2925, requiring regular review and reauthorization of Federal programs and activities, but did not complete action thereon and will meet again tomorrow.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee approved for full committee consideration the nomination of Marion J. Callister, to be U.S. district judge for the district of Idaho, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Church and McClure, testified and answered questions on his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Committee reported favorably the nomination of John A. Penello,

of Maryland, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Committee approved the nominations of Hung Wai Ching, of Hawaii, and Robert L. Hardesty, of Texas, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, prior to which action the nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf. Mr. Ching was introduced to the committee by Senator Fong, and Mr. Hardesty was introduced by Senators Tower and Bentsen and Representative Pickle.

WATER RESOURCE PROJECTS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Water Resources resumed hearings to consider projects for possible inclusion in the proposed Water Resources Development Act of 1976. Testimony was received as follows:

S. 2057, authorizing construction of additional power generating facilities at the existing McNary Lock and Dam project, Columbia River, Oregon and Washington, receiving testimony from Senator Jackson; and Carol Fletcher, Arlington, Va., representing the Oregon Environmental Council;

S. 3541, to modify the project for Mobile Harbor, Ala. (Theodore Ship Channel), receiving testimony from Senator Allen; Representative Edwards of Alabama; and Shelton Morgan, Merchants National Bank, Mobile;

Santa Ana, Calif., flood control project, receiving testimony from Senator Cranston; Harriet Wieder, Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency, Santa Ana; Robert Townsend, San Bernardino County; Donald Schroeder, Board of Supervisors, Riverside County; and Ralph Diedrich, Board of Supervisors, Orange County, all of California;

Del Valle, Calif., flood control project, receiving testimony from Timothy V. A. Dillon, representing Department of Water Resources, State of California;

S. 3049, to modify the project for hurricane-flood protection at New London, Conn., receiving testimony from Senators Ribicoff and Weicker; Mayor Ruby Turner Morris, of New London; and F. Jerome Silverstein, New London Redevelopment Agency, accompanied by C. Francis Driscoll, New London City Manager;

Chicago Tunnel and Reservoir project, receiving testimony from Representative Derwinski; and Bart Lyman and Nicholas Mellas, both of the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago;

Tell City, Ind., flood control project, receiving testimony from Senator Bayh and Mayor Walter E. Hagedorn, of Tell City;

S. 3584, extending and increasing the authorization for the program to extend the winter navigation season

for the Great Lakes-Saint Lawrence Seaway System; Senator Proxmire; Leonard J. Goodsell, Great Lakes Commission, Ann Arbor; and Admiral Paul E. Trimble, Lake Carriers Association, Cleveland; and

S. 3354, 3355, and 3356, to provide for the regular initiation of construction of three water quality control projects in the Arkansas-Red River Basin, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, receiving testimony from Senator Bellmon.

Also, subcommittee included S. 3653, to provide financial assistance for the education of the dependents of persons engaged in the construction of additional hydroelectric power facilities at Chief Joseph Dam and Reservoir, Washington, receiving testimony from Representative McCormack.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 15013-15035; 2 private bills, H.R. 15036 and 15037; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 698-703, and H. Res. 1456-1458, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 11009, financial planning, reporting, and control systems for the Government of the District of Columbia (H. Rept. 94-1381);

H.R. 14578, authorizing various Federal reclamation projects and programs, amended (H. Rept. 94-1382);

Report entitled "Questionable Contract for Mobile Field Radios by Department of the Army" (H. Rept. 94-1383);

Conference report on H.R. 14232, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, and Health, Education, and Welfare for fiscal year 1977 (H. Rept. 94-1384);

H. Res. 1457, providing for the consideration of H.R. 13615, to amend the CIA Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees, as amended (H. Rept. 94-1385);

H. Res. 1458, providing for the consideration of H.R. 14032, to regulate commerce and protect health and the environment by requiring testing and necessary restrictions on certain chemical substances and mixtures (H. Rept. 94-1386); and

H.R. 14824, to authorize appropriations for Indian education, amended (H. Rept. 94-1387).

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Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed the following bills:

Sent to the Senate without amendment: H.R. 7624.

Sent to the Senate, amended: H.R. 11199 and 11890.

Passed over without prejudice: H.R. 6817, 1424, 1560, 2564, and 6507.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to file a conference report by midnight tonight on H.R. 14232, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, and Health, Education, and Welfare for fiscal year 1977.

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Narcotics Abuse: The Speaker appointed the following Members as members of the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control: Representatives Wolff, chairman, Rodino, Rogers, de la Garza, Mann, Badillo, Murphy, Rangel, Stark, Scheuer, English, Waxman, Burke of Florida, Railsback, Frey, Beard, Gilman, and Guyer.

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Presidential Message—Aging: Read a message from the President transmitting to Congress the annual report of the Federal Council on Aging—referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

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Transportation Appropriations: By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 384 yeas to 9 nays, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 14234, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 1977. House receded from its disagreement to Senate amendments numbered 10, 36, and 40 and concurred therein. House receded from its disagreement to Senate amendments Numbered 3, 7, 12, 26, 27, and 61 (by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 167 nays); and concurred therein with amendment, clearing the measure for Senate action.

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Late Reports: Committee on Rules received permission to file certain privileged reports by midnight tonight.

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Indian Claims: By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 374 yeas to 13 nays, the House passed H.R. 11909, to authorize appropriations for the Indian Claims Commission for fiscal year 1977.

Agreed to the committee amendment as amended by an amendment that strikes out all of the bill except language authorizing \$1,650,000 to fund the Commission for fiscal year 1977 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 270 yeas to 122 noes).

Subsequently, this passage was vacated, and S. 2981, a similar Senate-passed bill was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the language of the House bill as passed.

H. Res. 1210, the rule under which the bill was considered was adopted earlier by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 391 yeas.

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Committees To Sit: Committee on the Judiciary received permission to sit during proceedings under the 5-minute rule of the House on Wednesday, August 4; Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations of the Committee on the Judiciary received permission to sit during proceedings under

the 5-minute rule of the House on Thursday and Friday, August 5 and 6; and the Committee on Agriculture received permission to sit during proceedings of the House on Wednesday and Thursday, August 4 and 5. Objection was heard to a request that the Subcommittee on Activities of Regulatory Agencies of the Committee on Small Business be permitted to sit during proceedings under the 5-minute rule of the House on Wednesday and Thursday, August 4 and 5. Pages 25335-25336

Government In Sunshine: House insisted on its amendment to S. 5, Government in the Sunshine Act; and agreed to a conference asked by the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Brooks, Moss, Fascell, Conyers, Abzug, Flowers, Danielson, Jordan, Mazzoli, Pattison of New York, Horton, McCloskey, Moorhead of California, and Kindness. Pages 25336-25337

Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 347 yeas to 33 nays, the House passed H.R. 12944, to extend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, for 6 months.

Agreed to an amendment that provides either House of Congress veto authority over any Environmental Protection Agency regulation after receiving the regulation in final form. Pages 25337-25341

Presidential Message—Foreign Payments Disclosure Act: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits to Congress a legislative proposal entitled "Foreign Payments Disclosure Act," designed to deter future improper practices and to restore confidence in American business standards—referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and ordered printed (H. Doc. 94-572). Pages 25341-25342

Subcommittee To Sit: Subcommittee on Legislative and National Security of the Committee on Governmental Operations received permission to sit during proceedings under the 5-minute rule of the House on Wednesday, August 4, from 10 a.m. until noon. Page 25342

Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD STAMP ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Continued markup of H.R. 13613, Food Stamp Act of 1976, and will resume tomorrow.

TIMBER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forests approved for full committee action a clean bill, to be introduced, relating to timber management practices.

LAND AND WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation and Credit held hearings on H.R. 10563 and H.R. 10456, Land and Water Resource Conservation Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Huddleston; Representative Breckinridge; USDA; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on the Guam typhoon budget request.

GEORGE WASHINGTON APPOINTMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House H.J. Res. 519, to provide for the appointment of George Washington to the grade of General of the Armies of the United States.

The committee also approved 1 Army and 1 Air Force reprogramming action.

NATIONAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE BANK

Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing: Began markup of H.R. 14829, National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act, and will resume on Monday, August 9.

EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House H.R. 14824, amended, to authorize appropriations for purposes of making certain grants under the Indian Elementary and Secondary School Assistance Act, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and the Adult Education Act.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS MISCELLANY

Committee on Government Operations: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House the following measures:

H.R. 14451, to permit the donation of Federal Surplus personal property to the States for public purposes;

H.R. 13828, to strengthen the authority of the Administrator of General Services with respect to records management by Federal agencies;

S. 3435, to increase an authorization of appropriations for the Privacy Protection Study Commission and to remove the fiscal year expenditure limitation; and

Report entitled "Questionable Contract for Mobile Field Radios by Department of the Army"; and

Adopted a committee resolution to give the Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer, and Monetary Affairs access to certain Internal Revenue Service documents in

connection with ongoing oversight reviews of the Treasury.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Computers met on pending business.

TRANSPORTATION OF ALASKAN CRUDE OIL

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Public Lands held a hearing on proposals for the transportation and distribution of Alaskan crude oil to the lower forty-eight States. Testimony was heard from Representative McKinney; William Fisher, Department of the Interior; John Hill, Deputy Administrator, FEA; and representatives of Northern Tier Pipeline Co.; Ashland Oil Co.; Standard Oil Co.; Coch Oil Co.; and Washington State Energy Office.

Hearings continue Thursday, August 5.

CONGAREE SWAMP NATIONAL PRESERVE

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation met and approved for full committee action H.R. 11891 as amended, to authorize the establishment of the Congaree Swamp National Preserve in the State of South Carolina.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Organizations held a hearing on human rights in Iran. Testimony was heard from William Butler, member, International Commission of Jurists.

CABLE TELEVISION REGULATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications continued hearings on the regulation of cable television with testimony from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

PUBLIC PROTECTION WITH RESPECT TO DRUGS

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Environment began consideration of H.R. 14289, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and related provisions of law to improve the protection of the public health and safety with respect to drugs and discussed Swine Flu program.

TETON DAM COMPENSATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House S. 3542 as amended, to authorize Secretary of the Interior to make compensation for damages arising out of the failure of the Teton Dam, Idaho.

COPYRIGHT LAW REVISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties and the Administration of Justice met and unanimously approved for full committee action S. 22, as amended, for the general revision of the Copyright Law.

COAST GUARD OVERSEAS LEASING AUTHORITY

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Navigation held a hearing on H.R. 11408 and S. 3050, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation, when the Coast Guard is not operating as a service in the Navy, to lease for military purposes structures and their associated real property located in a foreign country. Testimony was heard from representatives of the United States Coast Guard.

FORMER COUNTY COMMITTEE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee on Manpower and Civil Service held a hearing on H.R. 12361, to extend certain benefits to former county committee employees. Testimony was heard from National Association of ASCS County Office Employees.

FEDERAL PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee on Retirement and Employee Benefits held an oversight hearing on inequalities in the preventive health services offered to Federal employees. Testimony was heard from James D. Martin, Deputy Director, Human Resources Division, GAO.

NATIONAL BULK MAIL SYSTEM

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee on Postal Facilities, Mail, and Labor Management continued hearings on National Bulk Mail System of the U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard from E. V. Dorsey, Senior Assistant Postmaster General, and Edgar S. Brower, Assistant Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service.

PROBLEMS FACING PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Select Committee on Professional Sports: Continued hearings on the problems facing professional sports and the Federal laws under which they operate. Testimony was heard from Robert Short, former owner Washington Senators and Texas Rangers baseball teams, John Y. Brown, Jr., former official, American Basketball Association; world football league former owners John Bosacco, Philadelphia Bell and A. E. Burgess, Birmingham Vulcans; Wayne Belisle, former owner, Minne-

sota Fighting Saints hockey team; and Fay R. Moore, owner, Cleveland Crusaders hockey team.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

CIA RETIREMENT ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule providing for the consideration of and one hour of general debate and waiving the provisions of clause 2(1)(5)(B) of Rule XI (reporting requirement) on H.R. 13615, to amend the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees, as amended. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hébert and Beard of Tennessee.

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME AMENDMENTS

Committee on Rules: Granted a modified open rule providing 2 hours of general debate; waiving section 401(b) of the Budget Act; permitting Ways and Means Committee amendments and amendments printed in the Record at least two legislative days prior to consideration, said amendments subject only to Ways and Means Committee amendments, and pro forma amendments; providing that the bill be considered as read and open for amendment at any point; and waiving section 303(a) of the Budget Act against Ways and Means amendment on page 13, line 9 through 13, and said amendment shall be first considered, on H.R. 8911, Supplemental Security Income Amendments of 1976. Testimony was heard from Representatives Corman, Ottinger, and Vander Jagt.

TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule providing for the consideration of and 1 hour of general debate, making the committee substitute in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, providing that said substitute be read for amendment by titles instead of by sections; after passage of H.R. 14032, making it in order to proceed to the consideration of the bill S. 3149, section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-344) to the contrary notwithstanding, and striking all after the enacting clause, and insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 14032 as passed by the House, Toxic Substances Control Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Murphy of New York, Eckhardt, and McCollister.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development and Demonstration held a hearing on H.R. 14290, Energy Conservation in Buildings Act of 1976. Testimony was heard from Eugene Mannella, Deputy Administrator for Conservation, ERDA; Dr. Gerald M. Hollander, Director

of Planning and Development, Veterans Administration; and Samuel Tuthill, Office of Conservation and Environment, FEA.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COAL MINING RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on ERDA-Fossil Fuels continued oversight hearings on coal mining research and development. Testimony was heard from representatives of Ingersoll-Rand Co.; Joy Manufacturing Co.; Methane Development Conservation Committee; and Appalachian Regional Commission.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MEDICARE HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Medicare hospital reimbursement program with testimony from public witnesses.

CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held hearings on H.R. 9220, Customs Modernization Act; and section 592 of the Tariff Act of 1930. Testimony was heard from David R. Macdonald, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Vernon Acree, U.S. Customs Service; and Arthur Garel, Department of Commerce.

Joint Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HEW

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 14232, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare for fiscal year 1977.

PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 8410, designed to assure livestock producers they will receive payments for the animals they send to packing plants.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 12838, authorizing funds through fiscal year 1980 for programs of the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities but did not reach final agreement thereon and will meet again tomorrow.